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1 2 3 4 5	Lynda T. Bui - Bar No. 201002 Brandon J. Iskander - Bar No. 300916 SHULMAN BASTIAN FRIEDMAN & BUI LLP 100 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 600 Irvine, California 92618 Telephone: (949) 340-3400 Facsimile: (949) 340-3000 Email: LBui@shulmanbastian.com BIskander@shulmanbastian.com Proposed Attorneys for Plaintiff Charles W. Daff, Chapter 7 Trustee						
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8	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT						
9	CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALI	FOR	NIA, RIVERSIDE DIVISION				
10	In re	Case No. 6:21-bk-13110-SC					
11	MARIA G. MIRELES,	Cha	pter 7				
12	Debtors.	Adv No.					
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	CHARLES W. DAFF, solely in his capacity as the Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of MARIA G. MIRELES, Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA CRYSTAL AYALA MIRELES, an individual, Defendant.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	MPLAINT FOR: AVOIDANCE OF INTENTIONAL FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS AND RECOVERY OF SAME [11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 3439.04, 3439.07, 3439.08]; AVOIDANCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS AND RECOVERY OF SAME [11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 3439.04, 3439.05, 3439.07, 3439.08, 3439.09]; DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS [11 U.S.C. §502(d)]; UNJUST ENRICHMENT [11 U.S.C. § 541, 544, 548; FRBP 7001(9)]; AND TURNOVER OF PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE [11 U.S.C. § 542]				
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Charles W. Daff, solely in his capacity as the duly-appointed, qualified, and acting Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee" or "Plaintiff") for the bankruptcy estate ("Estate") of Maria G. Mireles ("Debtor"), hereby brings this Complaint against Priscilla Crystal Ayala Mireles ("Defendant") and respectfully complains and alleges as follows:

I. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This adversary proceeding is filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rules 7001(1) (a proceeding to recover money or property) and (9) (a proceeding to obtain a declaratory judgment relating to any of the foregoing).
- 2. Plaintiff, as Trustee for the Debtor's Estate has standing to bring this action under 11 U.S.C. §§ 323, 541, 544, 548 and 550.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 in that this action arises in and relates to the Debtor's bankruptcy pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, Riverside Division entitled <u>In</u> re Maria G. Mireles, Case No. 6:21-bk-13110-SC on the Court's docket.
- 4. This action is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(A) (matters concerning the administration of the Estate), (b)(2)(E) (orders to turn over property of the estate), and (b)(2)(H) (proceeding to determine, avoid or recover fraudulent conveyances). To the extent any related claims are determined not to be a core proceeding, Plaintiff consents to an entry of final judgment and orders by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 5. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to, as this adversary proceeding arises under Title 11, or arises under or relates to a case under Title 11, which is pending in this District and does not involve a consumer debt less than \$20,450.00.
- 6. To the extent that the Plaintiff asserts claims under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544 and 548, the Plaintiff is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that there exists in this case one or more creditors holding unsecured claims allowable under 11 U.S.C. § 502 or are not allowable under 11 U.S.C. § 502(e), who can avoid the respective transfers as set forth hereinafter under California or other applicable law.

II. <u>PARTIES</u>

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7. Plaintiff is the duly-appointed, qualified, and acting Chapter 7 Trustee for the Debtors' Estate, and brings the claims asserted herein in that capacity.

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8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that the Defendant is an individual residing in the County of Riverside, State of California.

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III. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

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9. The Debtor filed a Voluntary Petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on June 4, 2021 ("Petition Date").

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10. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that Defendant is the Debtor's daughter.

The Plaintiff is informed and believes that on December 16, 1992, the Debtor

The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Property was community property of

The Plaintiff is informed and believes that on February 5, 2020 by Grant Deed

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acquired the real property located at 565 Iroquois Road, Perris, CA 92570, Assessor Parcel No. 326-

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211-012 ("Property"), in Riverside County, California with her late husband Federico L. Mireles.

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Title in the Property was vested in "Federico L. Mireles and Maria G. Mireles, Husband and Wife

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as Joint Tenants" pursuant to Document Number 1992-0479443 ("December 1992 Grant Deed").

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A true and correct copy of the December 1992 Grant Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "1.

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the Debtor and her late husband because it was acquired on or after January 1, 1975. In re Brace, 9

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Cal. 5th 903, 924 (2020). Community property is property of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §

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recorded in the Official Records of the Riverside County Recorder's Office as Document Number

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and wife as joint tenants, to "Priscilla Crystal Ayala Mireles, as a single woman" ("February 2020

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Grant Deed" or "Transfer"). The February 2020 Grant Deed indicates that it is for no consideration

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because the Documentary Transfer Tax listed on Transfer deed is "\$0." A true and correct copy of

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the February 2020 Grant Deed is attached hereto as Exhibit "2."

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- 14. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Property had a fair market value of \$200,000.00 at the time of the Transfer and that the consideration received by the Debtor in exchange for the Transfer was less than reasonably equivalent value.
- 15. Notwithstanding the Transfer, the Debtor remains in possession of the Property and was, at all relevant times alleged herein, the owner of the Property.
- 16. The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges that notwithstanding the Transfer, the Defendant never took sole possession of the Property.
- 17. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant did not pay the Debtor any consideration in exchange for the Property.
- 18. The Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Defendant did not pay down any debt secured by the Property.
- 19. The Plaintiff is continuing his investigation to determine whether additional avoidable transfers were made to the Defendant during the four (4) years prior to the Petition Date and reserves the right to amend this Complaint to recover any such additional avoidable transfers. The Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that any funds paid to the Defendant during the four (4) years prior to the Petition Date were preferential and/or fraudulent and are recoverable by Plaintiff under the Bankruptcy Code.

IV. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Avoidance and Recovery of Intentional Fraudulent Transfers] [11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; Cal. Civ. Code §§ 3439.04, 3439.07, 3439.08]

- 20. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges these paragraphs as though set forth in full.
- 21. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that there are present creditors of the Debtor that were listed at the time of the Transfer that still remain unpaid as of the Petition Date. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that future creditors of the Debtors existed following the transfer who remain unpaid as of the Petition Date.
 - 22. The Transfer as alleged in Paragraph 13 is of the Debtor's property.

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The Transfer was made on or within four (4) years of the Petition Date, but in no

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2	event longer than seven (7) years prior to the Petition Date.					
3	24.	The Transfer was made with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud the Debtor's				
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5	25.	The Transfer was for no consideration or for less than reasonably equivalent value.				
6	26.	The Transfer was made at a time when the Debtor was insolvent and/or rendered				
7	insolvent by virtue of said Transfer.					
8	27.	The Transfer was to or for the benefit of insiders of the Debtor.				
9	28.	The Debtor retained possession or control of the Property after the Transfer.				
10	29.	Before the Transfer was made, the Debtor had been sued.				
11	30.	The Transfer was of substantially all of the Debtor's assets.				
12	31.	The value of consideration received by the Debtor for the Transfer was not				
13	reasonably equivalent to the value of the asset transferred or the amount of debt incurred.					
14	32.	The Transfer occurred shortly before or after a substantial debt was incurred.				
15	33.	Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff may avoid the Transfer and recover the value of the				
16	Transfer and/or the Property transferred, with an automatic preservation of the Transfer for the					
17	benefit of the Estate, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, and 551, and California Civil Code §§					
18	3439.04, et se	eq.				
19	V. <u>SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u>					
20		[Avoidance and Recovery of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers]				
21	[11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; Cal. Civ. Code §§ 3439.04, 3439.05, 3439.07, 3439.08,					
22		3439.09]				
23	34.	Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges				
24	these paragraphs as though set forth in full.					
25	35.	Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that there are present				
26	creditors of the Debtor that were listed at the time of the Transfer that still remain unpaid as of the					
27	Petition Date.	Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that future creditors of				
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- 36. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Transfer was made on or within four (4) years of the Petition Date, but in no event longer than seven (7) years prior to the Petition Date.
- 37. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that the Transfer was made:
 - (a) For less than reasonably equivalent value, or any value, and
- (b) At a time when the Debtor was insolvent and/or was rendered insolvent by virtue of the Transfer, and/or
- (c) While the Debtor was engaged or about to engage in a business or a transaction for which the remaining assets of the Debtor were unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction, and/or
- (d) While the Debtor intended to incur, or believed, or reasonably should have believed the Debtor would incur debts beyond the Debtor's ability to pay them as they became due, and/or
- (e) The Debtor made the Transfer to or for the benefit of an insider, or incurred such obligation to or for the benefit of an insider, under an employment contract and not in the ordinary course of business.
- 38. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff may avoid the Transfer and recover the value of the Transfer and/or the Property transferred, with an automatic preservation of the Transfer for the benefit of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, and 551, and California Civil Code §§ 3439.04, et seq.

VI. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Disallowance of Claims by Defendant]

[11 U.S.C. §502(d)]

- 39. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges these paragraphs as though set forth in full.
- 40. Defendant is an entity from which property is recoverable under 11 U.S.C. § 550 and Defendant received an avoidable transfer under 11 U.S.C. §§ 544 and/or 548.

- 41. Defendant has not paid the amount or turned over any such Property for which Defendant is liable under 11 U.S.C. § 522(i), 542, 543, 544, 548, 550, and 553 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 42. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(d), to the extent Defendant files a claim against the Debtor's Estate, such claim should be disallowed.

VII. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Unjust Enrichment]

[11 U.S.C. § 105]

- 43. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges these paragraphs as though set forth in full.
- 44. The Defendant received a benefit through the Transfer, and Defendant's retention of the Transfer and/or the value of the Transfer, results in unjust retention of said benefit at the Estate's expense.

VIII. FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Declaratory Relief]

[11 U.S.C. §§ 363, 541, 544; FRBP 7001(9)]

- 45. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges these paragraphs as though set forth in full.
- 46. Plaintiff and Defendant herein have a dispute in which a declaration of their respective rights is necessary. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the said dispute is actual and continuing, and concern an assertion by Defendant that she may have an equitable interest in the Property and may assert claims herein, retain the benefits of illegal or wrongful acts of other defendants herein, and/or adopt and ratify the said illegal and wrongful acts, to the damage and prejudice of Plaintiff.
- 47. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that the said dispute is actual and continuing, and concerns the continuing assertion by Defendant that she owns the Property as her sole property, to the damage and prejudice of Plaintiff.

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- 48. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that prior to the Transfer, title to Property was vested in the Debtor and was community property. Community property is property of the Estate pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 541(a)(2).
- 49. Plaintiff is informed and believes that all appreciation in the Property inures to the benefit of the Estate.
- 50. Based on all of the above, Plaintiff respectfully requests from this Court a declaration that the Property is property of the Estate pursuant to Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code and that the Property must be turned over to be used and sold by the Trustee pursuant to Sections 363 and 542 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 51. The Plaintiff is entitled to declaratory relief related to this cause of action for the recovery of money or property, other than a proceeding to compel the Debtor to deliver property to the Trustee, or a proceeding under 11 U.S.C. §§ 554(b), 725, Rule 2017, or Rule 6002.

IX. SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

[Turnover]

[11 U.S.C. § 542]

- 52. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 19 and realleges these paragraphs as though set forth in full.
- 53. Plaintiff is entitled to use, sell, or lease the Estate's legal and equitable interests in the Property under 11 U.S.C. § 363.
- 54. Defendant shall deliver to the Plaintiff, and account for, the Property, or the value of the Property, unless the Property is of inconsequential value or benefit to the Estate.

X. **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that this Court enter judgment as follows:

Avoiding the Transfer, and declaring that said Transfer be annulled and rendered 1. void as a fraudulent transfer, and entering an order recovering and preserving the Transfer for the benefit of the Estate, or the value of said Transfer for the benefit of the Estate, together with interest thereon at the legal rate from the date of the Transfer;

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Case 6:21-ap-01079-SC Doc 1 Filed 07/21/21 Entered 07/21/21 10:33:31 Main Document Page 11 of 16 RECORDING RECUESTED BY AND WHEN RECORDED MAIL THIS DEED AND UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN BELOW MAIL TAX STATEMENT TO: RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT 2:00 O'CLOCK FEDERICO L. MIRELES MARIA G. MIRELES 565 Iroquois Road Perris SAME AS ABOVE R-120241-2 ESCROW NO. 5665-D SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE **GRANT DEED** THE UNDERSIGNED GRANTOR(S) DECLARE(S) computed on full value of property conveyed, or Computed on full value less value of liens or encumbrances remaining at time of sale. □ city of Perris AND ☐ unincorporated area FOR A VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, MAYNARD PAIGE hereby GRANT(s) to FEDERICO L. MIRELES AND MARIA G. MIRELES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TEXANTS the following described real property in the property of unincorporated area in the County of Riverside , State of California: Lot 11, Block "O" of PERRIS HEIGHTS ESTATES, as shown by Map on file in Book 14, pages 72, 73 and 74 of Maps, Records of Riverside County, California. Dated December 04, 1992 STATE OF BALLETON On DEFMASA 8, 1992 before m known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me WITNESS my hand and officat seal WILLIAM L. MEADE NOTARY PUBLIC - OREGON

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(Signature of declarant)

(Signature of declarant)

MARIA G. MIRELES

(Print name)

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

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State of California County of						
OnFEBRUARY 05,2020before me,REBECA HARO Notary Public						
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personally appeared FEDER ICOL. MIRELES AND MAR IA G. MIRELES who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing						
paragraph is true and correct.						
REBECA HARO						

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Commission No. 2164315 ROUTERS PUBLIC-CALIFORNIA CONTROL RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEE	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)				
(Instructions on Reverse)					
PLAINTIFFS	DEFEND	ANTS			
CHARLES W. DAFF, solely in his capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee for the bankruptcy estate of MARIA G. MIRELES	PRISCILLA CRYSTAL AYALA MIRELES, an individual				
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Lynda T. Bui - Bar No. 201002 Brandon J. Iskander - Bar No. 300916 SHULIMAN BASTIAN FRIEDMAN & BUI LLP 100 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 600 Irvine, California 92618		ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
PARTY (Check One Box Only) □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee □ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee	PARTY (Debtor Creditor Trustee	Check One Box Only) ☐U.S. Trustee ☑ Other			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE	OF ACTION	, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)			
COMPLAINT FOR: 1. AVOIDANCE OF INTENTIONAL FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS AND RECOVERY OF SAME [11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 3439.04, 3439.07, 3439.08]; 2. AVOIDANCE OF CONSTRUCTIVE FRAUDULENT TRANSFERS AND RECOVERY OF SAME [11 U.S.C. §§ 544, 548, 550, 551; CAL. CIV. CODE §§ 3439.04, 3439.05, 3439.07, 3439.08, 3439.09]; 3. DISALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS [11 U.S.C. §502(d)]; 4. UNJUST ENRICHMENT [11 U.S.C. § 105]; 5. DECLARATORY RELIEF [11 U.S.C. §§ 541, 544, 548; FRBP 7001(9)]; AND 6. TURNOVER OF PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE [11 U.S.C. § 542]					
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FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property 11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property 12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference 13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer 14-Recovery of money/property - other	61-Disch 68-Disch 63-Disch	6) – Dischargeability (continued) argeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support argeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury argeability - §523(a)(8), student loan argeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation			
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FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge 41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)		B) Subordination of Claim or Interest rdination of claim or interest			
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FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims 62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud		10) Determination of Removed Action rmination of removed claim or cause			
67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny (continued next column)	SS-SIPA 02-Other	Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa <i>et.seq</i> . (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court related to bankruptcy case)			
Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	Check if	this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23			
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Other Relief Sought					

B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES						
NAME OF DEBTOR MARIA G. MIRELES		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 6:21-bk-13110-SC				
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING CENTRAL DISTRICT		DIVISION OFFICE RIVERSIDE DIVISION	NAME OF JUDGE HONORABLE SCOTT C. CLARKSON			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)						
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.			
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE			
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)						
/s/ Brandon J. Iskander						
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)				
July 21, 2021		Brandon J. Iskander				

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptey court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form B1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely selfexplanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.